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History of Golden, Illinois
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Brief History of Golden, Illinois



"The Windmill Town Where the Railroads Cross"

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 14, and 15, 1963

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PREFACE

It was just 100 years ago when Golden became a reality. As we look over this vast expanse of prairie land, a great farming region, located in the geographical center of the corn belt, credit should be given to our pioneers. Through their efforts it was made possible to improve agricultural methods and the betterment of the community.

The flat prairie land near Golden proved attractive to German settlers in the middle 1800's. Many of them have had an important part in the history of the community.

Some of the material has been compiled from the early Adams County history books, manuscripts of early settlers, from the files of the Golden New Era, minutes of the Village Board, and other sources. It has been necessary to condense a number of articles so the history will encompass as complete an overall coverage as possible.

Exceeding care has been exercised to select the pictures. Special acknowledgment is due to the people of Golden and community who have so graciously loaned pictures for publication. We feel that the history of Golden should be preserved, and all available material has been put to use to that end.

THE HISTORY COMMITTEE



The coined slogan "The Windmill Town Where the Railroads Cross" has been chosen as the motto of the Golden Centennial Seal for the history book.

The crossing of the railroads signify the beginning of the town.

The windmill in the upper field of the escutcheon reminds the people of the Village of their early historical background.

The sheaf of wheat at the base was taken from the corporate seal of the town, when its name was changed from Keokuk Junction to Golden. There is no way of knowing what the sheaf of wheat meant to those who designed the Golden Seal. Perhaps of the once swamp land, which soon gave way to fertile fields, and of the thousands of bushels of wheat which went through the local mills.

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Early History of Golden

Before Adams County was created, and even before Illinois was admitted to statehood, the United States Government set aside a vast portion of the public domain in Illinois for veterans of the War of 1812. This was called the Military Tract or Bounty Land. It lay between the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers and extended upward as far as a line drawn from Rock Island to Joliet.

As may be readily seen this community was situated within the Military Tract. Any veteran of the war of 1812 could have a free quarter-section of land here if he wanted it. But there were not many who came West to settle on their land; it seems the hardships of frontier life did not appeal to them. Many of the ex-soldiers sold their "prairie quarters" for \$100, or even less, while others traded theirs for a horse, cow, or watch.

The land on which this village now stands was patented by the United States on October 21, 1836 to John Scott of Virginia, a veteran of the War of 1812. At that time it was a swamp and malarial pool, home for the frog and the serpent. Many flint arrow points found here in early years prove that it was a favorite hunting place for the Indians, probably the Sauk Tribe.

After the C. B. & Q. was completed in 1855 on the Northern Cross right of way, and the Toledo, Wabash and Western crossed this track on the present site of Golden in the summer of 1863, this made it a suitable location for a village. It is believed that for a short while this first station was called La Buda, but it was not long before it became known as Keokuk Junction.

As soon as the Wabash Railroad was completed, Thomas Cain erected a building for a saloon, directly east of the crossing of the tracks. It is believed that this was the first building in the village. John P. Harlow, the first station agent put his desk in the saloon and used it as a depot until the new depot building was completed late in 1863. On Sept. 4, 1863, the first entry was made of freight received. On Nov. 21, 1863, the first telegram was sent from this station. The depot being the only building of any size, served many purposes. There a dinner was served at a rally during the first presidential campaign of General U. S. Grant. The C. B. & Q. Railroad dug a large deep well, at a big expense, with a pumping outfit and tank to supply its engines in the fall of 1863. When the railroad no longer needed

this well, it was given to the village. It is still an excellent source of water.

One of the first buildings of importance in starting the new town was a shipping granary, east of the new railroad and north of Smith Street erected by L. U. Albers and G. H. Buss. Also in the fall of 1863, a Post Office located and opened in a store building built by Mr. Albers, on West Front Street, in the middle of the block. Mr. Albers was appointed as the first postmaster, and received only \$2.50 for his services for the first quarter.

Build Two-story Hotel

The next building in the village was a two-story hotel, erected by J. H. Wendell on the southwest corner of West Front and Park Streets. Some years later it was rented to William Hanna for a general store, then sold to H. E. Selby. This building burned sometime around 1890. This location is now known as the King Corner. The saloon building mentioned above was moved the next year to the south side of this hotel.

The corner opposite the Wendell Hotel to the north was improved with a log house built by John H. Schlueter and used as a blacksmith shop. A few years later William Hanna bought this corner lot and erected his store and residence combined. This building still stands, having been remodeled several times, and is now owned by the Smiths' Electric of Camp Point.

In 1865 William B. Schoon and L. U. Albers had a little flour wind mill built on a few acres of ground they had bought from Jurgen Garrel, in the north edge of town and west of the Wabash. This windmill was constructed by William T. Gronewold, and later moved to the farm now owned by William W. Gronewold.

In 1865 Harry Herron built a house in the middle part of block 8 facing the railroad. He kept a small stock of groceries and ran a peddling wagon and exchanged his goods for farm produce. In the same year Ehme Bruns built a saloon east of the depot on the corner of Park and East Front Streets. It was afterwards sold to John Jurgens.

Keokuk Junction

The village of Keokuk Junction was laid out and platted in 1866. No doubt it seems strange how a



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village was started and buildings erected for free without anyone owning the land on which they improved, nor even having asked or received permission to locate on these premises. They were simply squatters. The land was a part of the estate of Robert Scott of Virginia, who was deceased. The late Nehemiah Bushnell of Quincy was administrator, but owing to the Civil War the settlement of this estate could not be reached at that time. Then in 1866 the village was platted and sold at auction by Attorney Bushnell. The west half of the southeast quarter of section 31 was platted into 17 blocks, with streets and alleys, and ten acres given to the new Wabash Railroad for depot grounds. The sale of these blocks and lots was held on Sept. 9, 1866, and amounted to \$3500.

The owners of the improvements and others interested agreed among themselves not to bid against each other except as to the value of the ground. This was carried out in an honorable way.

Next came the incorporation of the village which was granted by a special Legislature March 5, 1867. The village was incorporated under the name of Keokuk Junction, and the first election was held April 1, 1867. John Lyle and Col. William Hanna were judges, and John H. Wendell was clerk of this election, which resulted in the election of John Lyle for justice of the peace, J. H. Wendell for constable, and L. U. Albers, George W. Meyers, Andreas M. Fruehling, and Col. William Hanna for trustees. The trustees held their first meeting April 17, 1867, and from that date begins the records of the village board.

"The One Horse Saloon"

During the summer of 1868, a large slanted roof shanty was built on East Front Street, by three gamblers. They called it "The One Horse Saloon." This place gave Keokuk Junction a very bad reputation for several years. All kinds of games and tricks known to confidence men were played. Many men, mostly passengers waiting between trains, were robbed and swindled of all that they had with them. Several thousand dollars and watches by the hundred were taken. When an officer was around, the gamblers went out the back door and into a cornfield and would not show up again until they thought the complaining witness had left. One time Deputy Sheriff Moecker from Quincy, narrowly missed being shot when he attempted to arrest them. Another time a District Attorney gave them a lively chase. This last act made it too hot for them and they left.

The Golden vicinity has always been noted for its Holland type windmills. The first mill known as the "Custom Mill" was built in 1854 by Henry R. Emminga. This supplied a pressing need in the way of breadstuffs to the early settlers in this community. In 1873 Mr. Emminga and his son, H. H. Emminga, erected the Prairie Mills at the south edge of Keokuk

Junction. (A more detailed report of the mills will be found in another section of this book.)

Religious services in the English language were held in the depot (erected in 1863) alternately by the Methodists and Presbyterians until the autumn of 1869, when, the schoolhouse being finished, it was used as a house of worship instead of the depot. This continued until the Methodists erected their first church building known as Simpson Chapel in 1872. The Germans (a large and influential part of the population) residing here attended worship at the South Prairie Church. They too held worship services in the depot until the spring of 1869 when the German Lutheran Church on the west side of Congress Street was finished. About 1875 a portion of the members of that church drew off from the parent organization and founded the Trinity Lutheran Church. Services were held in a building south of South Street (later used as a furniture factory and warehouse) until their church building was completed in Dec. 1877.

First School House

The first school house in the community was erected on the corner of the Peter Osterman farm northeast of town, then later moved to another location just east of the village on the farm now operated by William Cassens. These buildings served the educational needs until a two-story school building was erected on the corner of Albers and Congress Streets (across the street south from the Methodist Church). The new building cost over \$3,000. Besides the public school, each Lutheran Church had a parish school in connection with the Church.

The medical fraternity was well represented in the early years of the village. Dr. L. A. Martin of Rhode Island came in the spring of 1869. Dr. Milton Patton, of Ohio came in the autumn of 1870. Dr. J. T. Cushenbury came in the spring of 1878. A half dozen other representatives of medicine stopped for a short period.

This community was represented in the State Legislature in 1874 and 1875 by Rezen Hampton Downing. His brother, James Emery Downing was also a member of the Legislature serving two terms. He was a staunch Democrat. Although brothers, they belonged to opposing political parties, and were known to have had many an interesting and heated argument on the subject of politics.

Owing to the many different names given to the village by the railroads and postal authorities, it was decided to change the name of the village from Keokuk Junction to Golden. Previous to this time a family by the name of Golden operated a hotel known as Hotel Golden, it is believed this influenced the selection of the new name for the village. This became effective in 1881.

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The Prairie Mill is located between the Wabash and Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroads and is one of the first structures a person sees when entering Golden from the south on either of these Roads. It was built on a site purchased by Henry R. Emminga in June of 1872. He bought thirty-three acres of land adjoining the south line of Keokuk Junction, from Col. William Hanna. In August of the same year, carpenters under the direction of H. R. Emminga, began work and the first story was completed September 2, 1872. The following winter and spring Mr. Emminga made most of the wooden machinery used in the Mill. The main drive or master wheel, of the cam and sprocket type, was twelve feet in diameter, made entirely of hard maple. It required almost eight months to finish. In the fifty-two years of continuous service this wheel showed very little wear. The main shaft on which the wheel, as well as the four fans were fastened, was made of cast iron and weighed 4,700 pounds. The bearing in which it rested weighed 340 pounds. These were made by special order by the City Foundry in Quincy. Mr. Emminga drew all the plans and even made the patterns for the castings.

There were two sets of lava burrs ready for use in September 1, 1873 and the grinding of mill foods was begun. In August of 1874 the third set of burrs was placed. This was five feet in diameter and weighed 5,000 pounds. With the three sets of burrs (mill-stones) it had a capacity of 500 bushels of grain a

day. Thirty-five loads of rock were hauled from a creek some seven miles distant by farmers of the community. The large elm, oak and hard maple timbers were sawed by a Mr. Buss near Mt. Sterling.

The Mill was used in the manufacturing of buckwheat flour, rye and graham flour, corn meal, and ordinary mill feeds. Under the firm name of H. R. Emminga & Son, the first shipment of buckwheat flour was made to Carthage, Ill., November 8, 1873.

H. R. Emminga and Son in September of 1874, sent samples of wheat flour ground in this Mill to St. Louis, Mo., where it was awarded first prize for the best flour on the market. The Mill held the highest reputation on its products and its fame spread over the United States and many foreign countries.

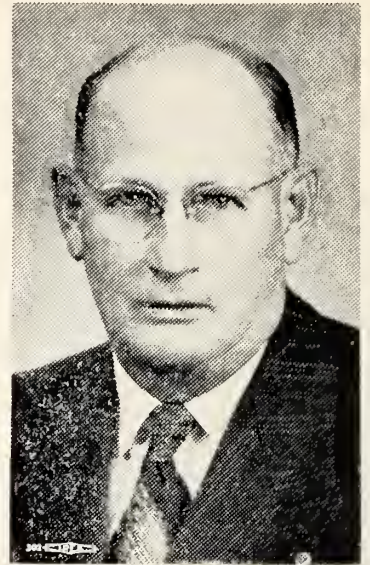
In the fall of 1878, H. H. Emminga bought his father's interest in the Mill and remained the sole owner and proprietor until his death, December 9, 1915. It was then taken over by the Consolidated Cereal Company, with J. J. Emminga and F. B. Franzen consolidating this windmill with the Custom Mill east of town.

A strong wind tore off two of the four fans on the mill, in 1924. Mr. Franzen installed a 30 horsepower gasoline engine, assisted by his son, Ralph, and son-in-law, Walter Reynolds, and continued the work for some time in this manner.

The Mill remained idle for some time until recent years when it was converted into a tavern.

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VILLAGE CONTRACTOR



William T. Gronewold, Contractor of the Village, was born in Aurich-Oldenburg, Ostfriesland, Germany, Nov. 9, 1849, son of Tonjes and Marie Rademacher Gronewold. He came to this country in Aug. of 1868, accompanied by his brother, Broer, who settled in Gothenburg, Nebr., and sister, Vohlke, the late Mrs. John Jurgens of this Village.

Mr. Gronewold built the first Golden Methodist Church, the first Trinity Lutheran Church, and many other fine buildings in this area.

Mr. Gronewold was married to Tahlke Garrelts, March 4, 1870. To this union seven children were born: two sons died in infancy—others were, Jorgen W. (who assisted his father in the carpenter trade), William W., Mrs. Ollie Leenerts, Mrs. Mary Hicken, Mrs. Anna Johnson.

MASONIC LODGE

Sometime in 1858, Grand Master Harrison Dills issued a dispensation for a lodge of Masons at LaPrairie, Illinois, with John S. Tout as Worshipful Master. On October 6, 1858, at the Annual Grand Lodge Ssession, a charter was granted for LaPrairie Lodge No. 267. The charter members were: John S. Tout, W.M., John W. Dills, S.W., John W. Byland, J.W., and B. J. Tatman, A. P. Hoyt, H. D. Dills, W. H. Martin, members.

The Grand Lodge gave permission for LaPrairie Lodge No. 267 to remove to Golden, Illinois, in 1896.

LaPrairie Lodge No. 267 petitioned Grand Lodge to change its name to Golden Lodge No. 267, October 10, 1918. This petition was granted. The Golden Order was disorganized July 6, 1961.

EMMINGA'S ELEVATOR BURNS

Golden experienced one of its largest conflagrations Aug. 1, 1907, when Emminga's grain warehouse, in the south end of town, was burned to the ground. The fire is supposed to have started from a spark of the engine of a passing train.

The grain house was built by Mr. Emminga in 1883. The dimensions of the building were 22 by 100 feet, with sides 22 feet high and with a storage capacity of over 20,000 bushels.

It had an approach to the north side, 110 feet long, leading to a driveway through the building 22 feet above the ground. It was equipped with five wagon dumps, being the first one put in use in this section. On the south side, 90 feet of bridge work led the teams back to the ground.

The cost of this structure at the time was \$2,500. It contained 7,300 bushels of wheat and 880 bushels of oats when burned and the loss was estimated at \$10,000.



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BANDS

The first Golden Band was organized in the year 1882, and was under the direction of Claus Huisman. Members were: Ekke, Chris, and Charles Detmers, Rudolph Haschemeyer, G. H. Buss, H. A. Keller, and Phil Miller.

The Brass Band was organized in 1884. They requested a donation to assist them in perfecting themselves in music, and \$36 was donated by the Village Board. This was the equivalent to the cost of 12 lessons from their instructor.

The Golden Merchant's Band and Majestic Concert Orchestra, was the imposing name selected by a talented group of musicians in 1912. This band played many concerts over a number of years. Prof. Hunziker directed the band of some 26 musicians.

A band tax was voted and levied in the Village of Golden for the purpose of supporting a municipal band. The first concert was played in June, 1931 under the direction of Prof. Hunziker. This band continued to play for a few years until the depression made it advisable to disband. A German Band was organized from this group and was in much demand throughout this section of the State. Members of the German Band were Henry Detmers, Ehme Gronewold, Freeman Selby, Glen Law and F. E. Sahland. The antics, music and costumes of the organization made it very popular.

FRANZEN AND MILLER

Harm H. Franzen and Phillip Miller, tinnerns by trade, had the first real hardware and furniture store in the village. The firm occupied two large store rooms, that were full to over-flowing. The stock included tinware, and the celebrated Crescent and Ajax wheel bicycles.

Besides this constantly increasing stock, the two men had the distinction of being partners, as the town's first funeral directors. The amount of work done in this line, was governed by their capacity. Their first embalmer was Dr. Hedrick. Ekke Detmers attended an embalming school in Chicago in 1905. He worked for Franzen and Miller many years as their embalmer.

Mr. Franzen was also an inventor of note. One of the most widely known, was the Lightning Seed Sower in 1892. Franzen and Miller manufactured these sowers, giving employment to many families of the community. The Seed Sowers were shipped all over the United States. 9,000 to 10,000 sowers annually was the product of this factory for many years.

When Franzen and Miller retired, William M. Gronewold purchased the tin shop, which included the Lightning Seed Sower. He, in turn, sold his interest to the Henrichs Brothers (Harm and Paul).

The Seed Sowers are still being manufactured on a lesser scale, by Paul Henrichs of Quincy.

EARLY BRASS BAND



FIRST WEDDING



On the 3rd day of July, 1852, Altje H. Franzen gave her hand in marriage to Gerd H. Buss, theirs being the first wedding of which there is a record, in this particular area. The Rev. Geitz officiated.

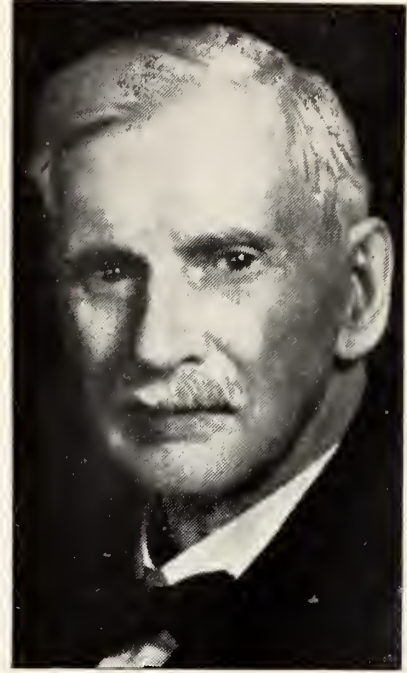
Mr. Buss, a carpenter by trade, became a successful farmer. He took his bride to a farm in the South Prairie neighborhood, near Golden, beginning their domestic life in a log house similar to those occupied by other settlers. For several years he engaged in merchandising, opening one of the first stores in Keokuk Junction. He was one of a family of six children. Born Oct. 22, 1830, the son of Henry G. and Gertje Buss of Hanover, Germany.

The family came to America in the Spring of 1851. Other children being Johan, who remained in Germany, Catharina (Mrs. Hille Flesner), Weert, Trintje (Mrs. Cobus Franzen) and Hinrich.

Mrs. Buss was born Oct. 21, 1828 in Germany, her parents being Harm H. and Anke Zimmerman Franzen. She arrived with her parents and other members of the family in the South Prairie area in Feb. 1852. The family consisted of eight children, Jurgen, who came to this country in 1854, Hinrich, Margaretha (Mrs. H. H. Emminga), Johan, Harm, Dirk (died in Germany), Altje (Mrs. Gerd H. Buss), and Cobus.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerd H. Buss were the parents of eight children, Henry G., Harm G., Katie (Mrs. Ulfert Ideus), John G., Richard G., Gerhard G., Grace (Mrs. William Cassens), Margaret (Mrs. Claus Leenerts).

HARLOW E. SELBY



Harlow E. Selby, first public school teacher and early business man of the village, was a Civil War Veteran. He was born on October 24, 1842 in Ohio, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Selby. Mr. Selby came to Illinois with his parents at the age of 14.

After being honorably discharged from the army in June of 1865, he continued teaching through two winters. In the spring of 1867, he embarked into merchandising, with the purchase of an established business in partnership with S. Selby. About two months later, they began dealing in grain in connection with commercial pursuits. They conducted this store with success until 1891, when the building was destroyed by fire. They continued in the grain business, with elevators at Golden, Chatton, and Bowen.

Like unto Phoenix a new building was "risen from the ashes" and they then engaged exclusively in the implement business. The firm was changed to the name of M. L. & H. E. Shelby in 1896. They carried all kinds of farm implements besides dealing heavily in grain.

Thanksgiving Day in 1868, Mr. Shelby was married to Martha Zinn of Loraine. To this union were born eight children.

Mr. Selby built his home in Golden, and here he resided, taking an active interest in the good of the community.

JAMES BAIRD & SON

James Baird, Golden's last Civil War Veteran, died Jan. 5, 1937. Mr. Baird with his son, John, did much to make the houses of Golden and the vicinity look neat. During the summer of 1913, the two men painted thirty-four houses and barns.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 42

A committee from the American Legion, consisting of A. C. Strickler and Floyd Fischer, met with C. W. Woodson, State Scout Director, for the purpose of organizing a Boy Scout Troop in Golden on October 16, 1941. Floyd Fischer was chosen Scoutmaster and A. C. Strickler, Assistant Scoutmaster. This is Troop No. 42 of the Saukee Council.

The Scouts are now sponsored by the Trinity Lutheran Church. Paul Aden is the present Scoutmaster.

Five local boys represented Troop 42 of the Saukee area Council of the Boy Scouts at jamborees, both in this country and abroad.

Howard Black was a representative at International Jamboree, held at Moisson, France, near Paris in 1947. Paul Black, a brother, attended the International Scout Jamboree at Bad Ischl, Austria in 1951. Howard and Paul Black, Roger and Paul Aden, and Floyd Leenerts attended the Valley Forge National Jamboree in 1950. Roger and Paul Aden attended the National Jamboree at Santa Ana, California in 1953.

CUB SCOUT PACK 42

A Cub Scout Pack was organized in Golden, May, 1958. Pack 42 was sponsored by the P.T.O. with Neal Futhey, institutional representative; Orville Bruns, chairman; Pack committee men, Meinert Flesner, Edward Taute; Cub-master, Henry J. Webster, Assistant, Virgil Kindhart. Den mothers, Mrs. Webster, Mrs. Kindhart, Mrs. William Schuster. There were 25 charter member cubs, 8 to 10½ years of age. Each year the Pack is re-chartered and new officers appointed.

Present officers are: Virgil Kindhart, Cub master; Jack Beckett, Asst.; Orville Goldenstein, institutional representative; Ivan Eicken, committee chairman. Den mothers, Mrs. Alfred Herren, Mrs. David Allen, Mrs. Orville Goldenstein.

The following boys are Cub Scouts at this time: Randy Allen, Dick Beckett, Paul Bell, David Chambers, Dale and Roger Daughtry, Steve Eicken, Gregory Futhey, Roger Goldenstein, Rodney Kindhart, Paul Leenerts, Randy Miller, Randy and Robert Starman, Douglas Flesner.

CLARENCE VAN NOSDALL

Clarence Van Nosedall, had the distinction of serving as Director of the Maplewood School Board 42 years. He was first elected to the Board in 1895.

CUB SCOUTS

PACK 42



Front row, left to right: Randy Miller, Steve Eicken, Randy Starman, Robert Starman, Rodney Kindhart. Second row: Randy Allen, Paul Bell, Roger Goldenstein, Paul Leenerts, Dick Beckett, David Chambers, Douglas Flesner. Third row: Jack Beckett, Asst. Master; Mary Goldenstein, Lois Allen, Erma Herren, Den Mothers; Virgil Kindhart, Cub Master. Absent: Gregory Futhey.

GOLDEN BOY SCOUTS

TROOP 42



First row: Chuck Johnson, Bruce Loeschen, Jerry Taber, Keith Aden, Joe Leenerts, Don Herren, Ron Herren. Second row: Mark Slottag, Steve Loeschen, John Naught, Tom Hardy, Kenneth Schuster, Don Bruns, Lon Herren. Third row: Paul Aden, Scoutmaster, William Schuster, Asst. Scoutmaster, Lawrence Leenerts, Alvin Ideus, Gerald Buss, Ivan Eicken, Elmer Post, Committeemen.

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HISTORY GLEANINGS

Hitching rails for horses must be at least 8 feet from line of lot or block at churches.

H. H. Franzen applied for permission to shoot blackbirds that roost over his house at night. This was granted by the Village Board provided he did the shooting himself.

Golden visited by \$60,000 fire, July 19, 1923. Buss Lumber Yard, H. W. Gerdes Home, Buss Stable consumed by the fire.

Jurgen Ehmen erected a dwelling south of West Front Street in 1863. He had charge of a water pumping plant on Bear Creek, south of town. After the new well was finished in Golden, he became manager and the old plant was abandoned.

Thomas Cain built a residence on West Front Street in 1864. He soon sold it to a Mr. Spencer, who started the first shoe shop in Keokuk Junction.

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IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Immanuel's congregation dates its foundation from 1867. Previous to that year, the parish was included in that of South Prairie. A number of its members living west of Keokuk Junction (Golden) requested their pastor, the Rev. J. T. Boetticher, to conduct services in the new village, because the long drives to South Prairie were not only an inconvenience but really a hardship. Rev. Boetticher gave his consent and conducted services from 1867 to 1868 in the C. B. & Q. depot.

Later, an organization was effected with fifty-three charter members. In May, 1869, a house of worship was dedicated, on the site now occupied by the church. The first trustees of the newly-organized congregation were: G. H. Buss; Onke Ihnen; and Johann Eigenberg. A parsonage was built the same year.

The congregaton was incorporated in 1873, with the Iowa Synod and later with the Wisconsin Synod. In 1934, the congregation officially joined and became a synodical member of the American Lutheran Church.

Some of the members left the church in 1875 and organized a congregation of their own, known as the Golden Trinity Lutheran Church.

Immanuel purchased some property west of Golden in 1905 which was properly improved and devoted to the burial of the dead. The same year, 1905, plans were started to erect a new House of Worship, which was dedicated to God on September 17, 1911; a new parsonage was built in 1915; the parochial school and teacher's residence in 1920.

Peter Osterman, a charter member of the church, served as treasurer for over 42 years.

Immanuel owns a splendid set of the complete writings of Dr. Martin Luther. The set is in the Pastor's library and has been in use since 1914, when it was donated by H. H. Emminga.

Former pastors of Immanuel: Rev. J. T. Boetticher, Rev. J. Tjaden, Rev. J. Kleinlein, Rev. C. Zlomke, Rev. F. W. A. Liefeld, Rev. F. Alpers, Rev. A. P. Meyer, Rev. H. Lindemann, Rev. J. M. Johnson, Rev. J. B. Ackermann, Rev. E. Keller, Rev. E. Staehling, Rev. C. G. Meyer, Rev. C. Grosenick.

The present pastor of Immanuel is the Rev. Frank Marks.

Following are the sons of the congregation, who have entered the Ministry: Rev. Martin Alpers, Fred Alpers, John H. Peters, William Ufkes, Paul Albers, Russell Mueller.

IMMANUEL PAROCHIAL SCHOOL

Mr. Gottlieb Bauer was the first teacher of the Immanuel Parochial School, serving from 1868 until his sudden death in 1873. Classes were held in the public school building.

Because of the many inconveniences connected with renting a building, the congregation resolved to build its own. This school was erected on almost the same location as the modern school today. In 1882, a larger building was built and served as a schoolhouse until 1920, when the present brick school was built and also the present teacher's residence.

The school was discontinued in 1959.

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TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



On May 17, 1875, twenty-seven families met to organize Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. During the first two years, services were held in a store building, owned by Gerd H. Buss, located on a lot just south of the present W. J. Buss Lumber Company.

On December 13, 1877, a new church was erected on the lot just east of the present building. A parochial school was established in 1879 in a frame building which had been donated by Gerd Ihnen.

Early in 1881, two church bells were ordered. The arrival of the bells was a joyous occasion. Their estimated weight was 2700 pounds and cost \$675. These bells proved unsatisfactory, because the larger bell cracked. A new set was ordered, and installed in September of 1882. These still are used in the present new church.

In January, 1880, Pastor Hugo Dorow was called as pastor. In 1887, the congregation numbered 70 families, and grew to about 100 families by 1900, the Silver Jubilee year of Trinity.

The congregation added a cemetery plot in January of 1902.

After a period of illness, Pastor Dorow resigned and Pastor J. R. Frenzel was called on August 10, 1925. This marked the beginning of English worship services on Sunday evenings. A new Parish Hall was built in 1927.

In 1930, Rev. K. William Braun was extended a call. In the fall of that year, duplex offering envelopes were adopted and a grade Sunday School established. The Parochial School was discontinued in 1930. In January of 1940, a new Parsonage was dedicated, free of all debt.

In World War II, 47 young men and one woman served in the armed forces. One soldier, Lt. Lawrence Haschemeyer, made the supreme sacrifice.

In February, 1947, a building committee for a new edifice was appointed. They were: Irvin Leenerts, Chm.; Dr. K. William Braun, Rudolph G. Taute, John A. Aden, Nick Busboom and John J. Buss. On March 21, 1954, ground was broken for the new Trinity church building. The cornerstone was laid on September 19, 1954.

The new building was dedicated on May 27, 1956, with Dr. R. R. Belter, President of the Wartburg Synod, preaching the dedicatory sermon.

Four sons serve in parishes in the Lutheran Church in America: Roswell Aden (Medford, Wis.), Howard Black (Guttenburg, Iowa), Lloyd Buss (Rochester, Mich.), and Lowell Buss (Bluff Springs, Ill.); one professor: Dr. Dorris Flesner, Prof. of Church History, Northwestern Theological Seminary, Minneapolis, Minn.; two daughters are in parsonage families: Mrs. E. E. (Erna Dorow) Flack and Mrs. Howard (Joyce Buss) Black.

The congregation is a member of the Illinois Synod of the Lutheran Church in America.

Organizations of the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran church are: the Luther League organized in 1920; Sunday School, organized in 1930; Ladies Guild, organized on Jan. 7, 1931; Men's Brotherhood, organized on April 8, 1959 and the Boy Scout troop No. 42, sponsored by Trinity since 1948.

On Dec. 20, 1953, approximately eleven acres of land on the northwest edge of Golden were dedicated as the Golden Memorial Gardens.

Pastors who have served at Trinity: Pastor Kuhl, 1875; Pastor Giese, 1876; Pastor R. Schiele, 1877-1879; Pastor R. Helbig, 1879-1882; Pastor F. F. Weisgerber, 1882-1883; Pastor George Eisele, 1883-1885; Pastor Herman Sterz, 1885-1887; Pastor Hugo Dorow, 1888-1925; Pastor J. Frenzel, 1925-1930; Pastor K. William Braun, D.D., 1930-1957; Pastor E. Meissner, 1957-1960; Pastor E. A. Slottag, 1961.

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HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH



The first Lutheran Church of the Golden community was started by German families who between 1835 and 1852 settled in "a vast swamp" southeast of town, afterwards known as "South Prairie." The land sold for two dollars an acre. A Lutheran traveling minister from Peoria, Illinois, visited them in 1850 and baptized five children: Johann Heinecke, Anna Heinecke, Adalina Heinecke, Hannah Hildebrandt, and Jann Buss. In 1852 Pastor John Geitz moved his belongings by oxen from Quincy to a log parsonage that had been provided. The construction of a railroad to Camp Point had not yet been completed. The earliest church was a log house that had been rebuilt.

A new frame church was built in 1855 and the old log building was moved to one side to serve as school. A new parsonage was also built because the old one had been destroyed by fire. In 1878 a new and larger church was built. This new church was destroyed by a tornado in 1881. The new church building that was dedicated February 10, 1882 served the congregation until 1951. At that time the congregation built its new church in Golden and took the name, "Holy Cross Lutheran Church."

The charter members at the organization of the congregation in 1852 were: Johann Kurk, who immigrated from Westphalia in 1835; Carl Heinecke, who came from Westphalia in 1843; Jann Buss, Gerd Franken, Hinrich Franzen, Albert Hildebrandt, Christian Wilhelms, Gerd Flesner, Hinrich Buss, Harm Franzen, Hinrich Emminga, Hinrich Ihmken, Oltman Schoene, who during the years 1848 to 1852 came from East Frisia. The first child born in "South Prairie" was Anna Marie Heinecke, daugh-

ter of Carl B. Heinecke and his wife, Katharina (nee) Kurk. She was born on August 12, 1844. The earliest records were lost, but since 1861 992 persons were baptized, 971 were confirmed, 253 couples were married, and 279 persons were buried. The first candidates for confirmation were: Foebke H. Flesner, Hille Buss, confirmed by Pastor Geitz in 1853.

After 1869 many of the East Frisian families of the congregation moved east to a sister congregation at Thomasboro in Champaign County. Others moved to Nebraska and other states in search of good land.

The earliest pastors belonged to the Illinois Synod, which at the time of its merging with the Missouri Synod had congregations in both Illinois and Missouri. The Illinois Synod operated a college at Hillsboro, which in 1852 was moved to Springfield, Illinois, to the present site of Concordia Theological Seminary.

The list of Pastors: 1852-1853, Pastor John Geitz; 1855-1860, Pastor Henry Kopmann; 1861-1864, Pastor Tjaden; 1865-1870, Pastor J. T. Boeticher; 1871-1876, Pastor C. Meyer; 1876-1879, Pastor J. Seidel; 1879-1887, Pastor L. E. Knief; 1887-1913, Pastor W. C. H. Oetting; 1913-1923, Pastor J. Matzat; 1923-1926, Pastor William Brockhopp; 1926-1930, Pastor J. H. Schoening; 1931-1938, Pastor Karl Krotke; 1938-1948, Pastor J. R. Westphal; 1948-1953, Pastor F. H. Reimann; 1953-1955, Pastor G. A. Krengel; 1956-1962, Pastor R. H. Heimgartner; 1962- , Pastor P. E. Kerhoff.

Sons of the congregation who have entered the ministry: H. W. E. Buss, Lyons, Kans., LeRoy Westphal, Lisbon, N. D.

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THE GOLDEN METHODIST CHURCH



The Golden Methodist congregation held their services in the Golden depot until the first school building was erected in the village. Then services of both the Methodist and Presbyterian congregations were held in the school house until 1872 when the First M. E. Church was built on the northeast corner of Albers and Congress Streets. The land was donated by William A. and Mary A. Strickler, and the deed was made June 17, 1872. The original church was known as Simpson's Chapel, and was part of the old LaPrairie Circuit.

The Rev. Robert Chapman was the first pastor. William Beckett, James Whitford, and William Strickler were the trustees that formed the building committee.

The original church building ran east and west. The old building was remodeled in 1895 during the pastorate of Rev. Peter Slagel. At this time the south half of the auditorium was added, and the direction of the auditorium was changed to run north and south as it does now.

The Sunday School in 1907, under the supervision of L. E. Thomas had an enrollment of about 140 active scholars.

The church was again remodeled in 1914, at which time the three rooms on the east were added, the front entrance changed, a basement put under the entire church, and a furnace installed.

It was discovered in 1916, that a mistake had been made in the original description of the land, and the church had been built on land which it did not own. It was necessary therefore to secure a quitclaim deed from the 14 heirs of William and Mary Strickler.

Little change has been made in the church building since 1914, other than modernization. The church was completely redecorated in 1962, at which time the 90th Anniversary of the church was observed.

At present the church has a small but active membership. It is presently being served by Rev. G. Warren Turner.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The first services of the Presbyterians were held in the Rankin Wallace home in 1836 by Rev. John Wallace and continued in other homes of early pioneers, until 1850, when the house of worship was built in the village of Clayton.

The Golden group, made up of people of the Clayton congregation, was organized on September 12, 1892. The first pastor, J. J. Thomson.

The following named persons were dismissed by certificate to unite with the new organization of Golden: James A. Wallace, Sr., William Wallace, Mrs. A. R. Wallace, Emma J. Wallace, Mrs. E. C. Sharow, Mrs. William Sharow, Mrs. D. Smith, Emma A. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Wallace,

Jr., John M. Wallace, William M. Wallace, Salem Wallace, Mrs. T. J. Downing, Sadie Wallace, Louisa Wallace, Mrs. L. W. Bowles, and J. T. McClintock.

The two congregations of Clayton and Golden formed one pastoral charge, until the disorganization of the Clayton church in 1902. After that date, for a number of years, the pastor served Golden and Hebron.

Both churches have been discontinued and razed.

The South Prairie Church congregation purchased the site of the Golden Presbyterian church in 1951, where the present Holy Cross Lutheran church is now located.

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Much interest centered about the Mill. Nothing quite like it had ever been built in this Section, and the settlers realized the advantages, as they had to travel some distance to have their grist ground.

The nearest mill was at Brooklyn, on Crooked Creek, which was run by water, that flowed in the creek. Customers had to wait their turn as they came in, and would often be gone away from home several days, as the trip was made by ox team.

All the wooden parts of the Mill were hand hewn with broad axe and crosscut saw by Mr. Emminga. The four fans, 64 feet long from tip to tip, developing 65 to 75 h.p. were first built on the ground. The tower was about 46 feet high. All the main gears

were of wood, consisting of a bevel gear on top, a horizontal shaft was used, the master wheel 12 feet in circumference, cog wheel type, all made by hand.

Funds needed to buy the stone burr and other minor machinery to finish the Mill, were borrowed from Nathan Robbins, whom Mr. Franzen heard had money to loan. Thirty-five farmers in the area of the Mill, signed the note as Mr. Emminga's security. The stone burr weighed better than a ton, and was imported from France, at a cost of \$400.

Mr. Emminga completed the Mill and started its operation on June 5, 1854, and ran it for six years. Then he built a frame 12 feet higher, and tore the first mill down, rebuilding it on top the 12 ft. framework, making the tower 52 feet high. This higher addition was to get more power.

After eight years Mr. Emminga sold out to John H. Franzen, Sr. in 1863, and it was later transferred to Peter Osterman, who took charge in 1870. Cobus Franzen purchased the mill in 1875, and later made his son, Fred Franzen, a business partner. Mr. Fred Franzen became the sole owner in 1904.

The Mill was razed in 1934 by Henry Bruns, who had recently purchased the site. The Mill had not been in operation for a number of years.

H. B. IHNEN

H. B. Ihnen was connected with the affairs of the community for many years. He served as Supervisor of North East Township for 11 years, 3 years as Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Ihnen was a charter member of the Golden Lions Club, served on the Golden Locker and Golden Fire Department Boards.

"Manus," as he is known locally, is now in his 8th term as Representative of this District in the Illinois Legislature.

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The Civil War had retarded all such endeavors, but in 1865, when its end was in sight, the citizens of this area raised sufficient funds to erect a little schoolhouse on the southwest corner of the old Peter Osterman farm, located about a mile northeast of town just east of the former Fred Buhr farm, now owned by Harold Musick. They engaged Mr. H. E. Selby for \$35.00 a month; he had just returned from the Civil War. The school was conducted in that building for several years.

The town of Keokuk Junction reached such proportions, that in 1869, the village was formed into a separate school district, and a school house was erected to meet the requirements. The two-story frame building was located where the Mrs. Jurgen Meints residence now stands, just across the street south, from the Methodist church. Mr. L. E. Thomas was the teacher. The first high school students graduating from this building in 1896, were Edna Selby,

May and Gay Schwartz, Myrtle Hughes, and Edith Selby.

During the years 1898-99, a modern two-story brick structure, in the west part of town, replaced the out-grown schoolhouse, at a cost of \$6,000. Board of Education consisted of J. B. Thomas, C. N. Verries, and William Gronewold. Teachers were Miss Abbie Martin, Primary; Miss Myrtle Davidson, Intermediate; Will J. Wible, Grammar Department. An addition was made to the building in 1917, graduates from which were credited to state colleges and universities without re-examination.

Golden community High School was formed in 1919. Board of Education, A. P. Adair, President; H. M. King, Secretary; E. C. Sharow, H. C. Paxton and Clarence Wallace. The school became a part of Unit District No. 3, in 1948. The new Community Unit District No. 3 Central High School, located 3 miles south of Golden on Illinois Route 94, was completed and ready for use in September of 1955. The Golden school building is now used as a grade school.



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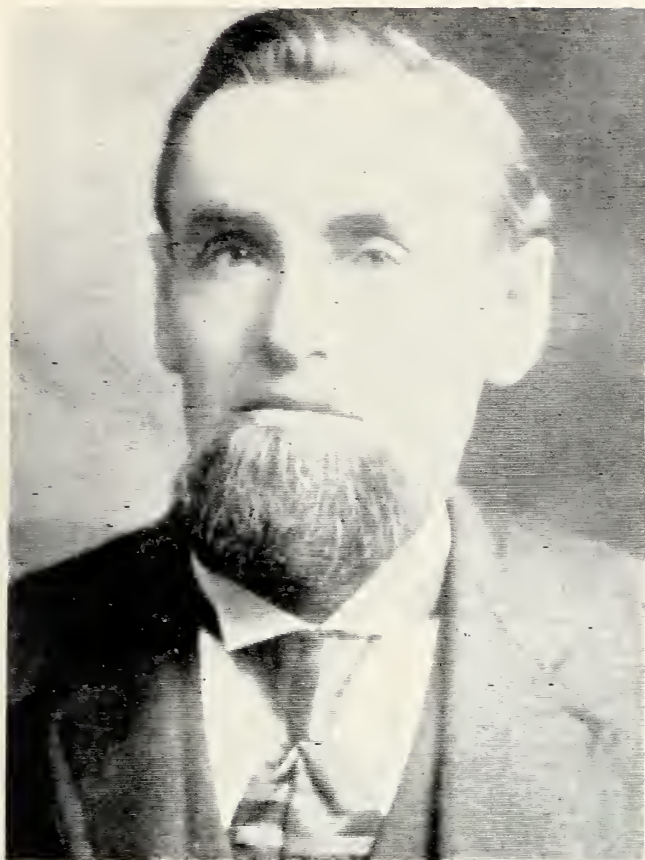
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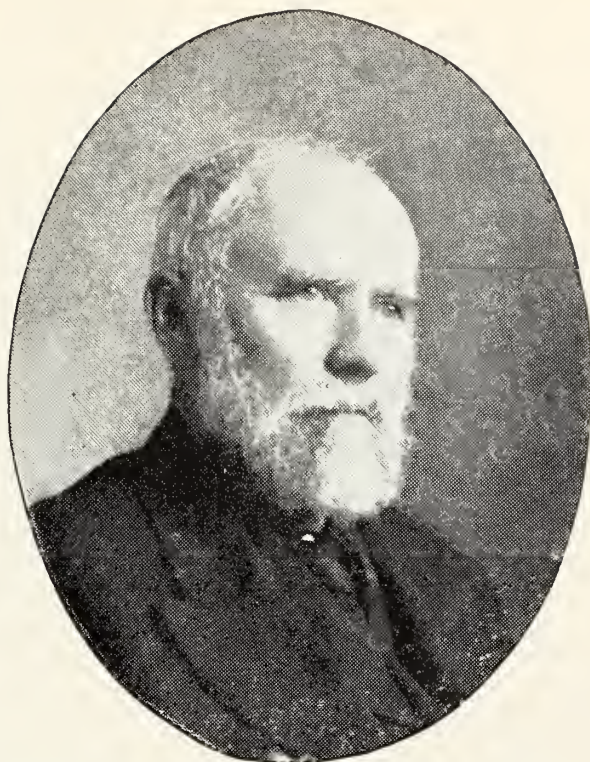
H. H. Emminga was born December 25, 1850, at Wiesens, Ost-Friesland, Germany. His parents were Hinrich R. Emminga and Margarethe nee Franzen. The family settled in the Golden Prairie in 1852. His father was a millwright and built the first windmill in this neighborhood, east of the village.

H. H. Emminga, who in 1872 was married to Miss Marie Gembler, daughter of John Jacob Gembler, one of the old pioneers of San Antonio, Texas, became one of the most prominent citizens and business men in Golden. He was also a miller. In 1879 he became a grain dealer, in which business he was so successful that ten years later in 1889 he erected a flouring mill with the capacity of 200 barrels of flour a day. He found a market for the product of his New Era Mill in foreign countries, West Indies, England, France, Holland and others.

In 1894, Mr. Emminga opened the Peoples' Exchange Bank, which venture proved so successful, that in 1905 he erected a new bank building. In every movement for good in the community, he was always found among the leaders. He assisted hundreds of business men and farmers when they were in need and helped them to help themselves.

He passed away Thursday, December 8, 1915, in Golden, the village in whose development he had such a personal and vital part. Survived by his widow, one son, John J., Cashier of the Peoples' Exchange Bank, and one daughter, Miss Margaret Emminga.

L. U. ALBERS



Mr. Albers, a charter member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church. Very prominent in the early history of Golden. He was the first business man in the village, and the first Mayor of the village, when it was organized in 1867, and was the first Postmaster. With his partner, G. H. Buss, built the first building, a shipping granary. After the organization of the town he erected a 12,000 bushel elevator, later owned by the Selby Grain Co.

Mr. Albers was born in East Friesland, Germany, Feb. 4, 1837. With his parents left Germany in 1857 and came directly to this community. He was married the following year to Miss Ehe Minen Aden. They were the parents of eleven children. Mrs. Albers died in 1904. Mr. Albers passed away in 1920, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Emminga.

(TAKEN FROM THE JOHN E. BRUNS 5TH
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(GOLDEN NEW ERA)

Mr. Bruns stated he remembers well, in his younger days, when the family lived in a one-room log cabin. Indians frequently came to their house, and entered unbidden. They were given food, and did not harm the family. In breaking the tough virgin prairie sod, some 1½ miles east of Golden, several yoke of oxen were needed to pull the plow. The oxen, guided only by the command of voice, without lines. The Bruns family oxen's names were Buck and Dick and Tom and Jerry.

Mr. Bruns lived to celebrate his 100th birthday in 1954.

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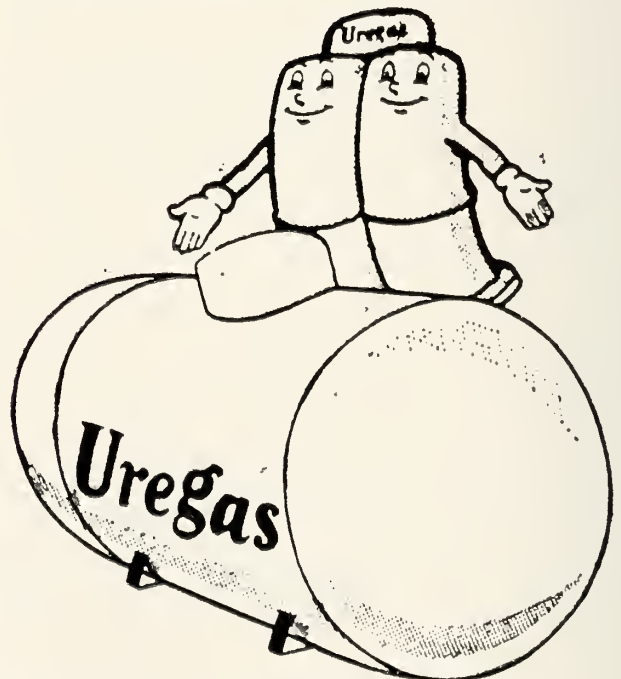
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The motive power was a 90-horsepower Corless steam engine, which was confined in a handsome brick room remote from the mill. The engine room was presided over by Dick Rademacher for many years, also Kraus Miller, George Franzen, Will Ross.

The head miller was Anton Rosenboom, who was an experienced man, having been brought up in the business. Other employees were Henry Janssen, Dick Juilts.

The mill remained idle for a number of years. The property passed into the hands of William L. Bruns and Son. The mill building is now owned by the Ehmen Brothers, who have converted it into a feed grinding business.

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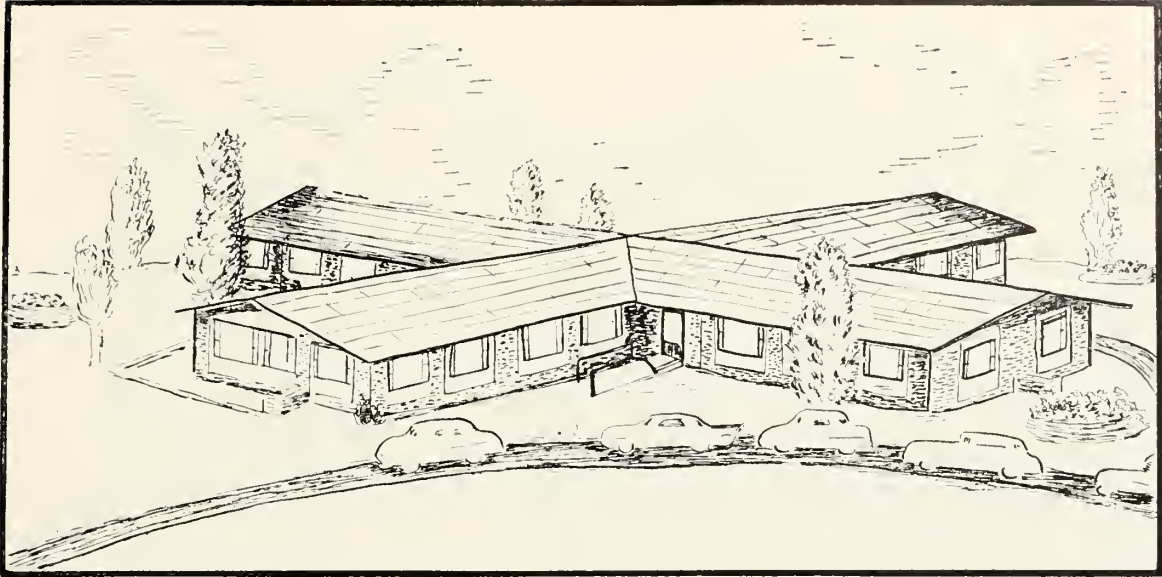
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Golden Good Shepherd Home is a project of the men's organizations of all of the churches—three Lutheran Churches, Trinity, Immanuel and Holy Cross—and the Methodist Church of Golden. Also included are the LaPrairie and Elm Grove Methodist Churches.

Construction of the Good Shepherd Home was begun late in the summer of 1961, but was halted because of a lack of money. Later additional funds were received which enabled the builder to continue working on the building. However, late in the spring of 1963 a loan in the amount of \$75,000 was received from the Colchester Savings & Loan Ass'n, Colchester, Ill., and \$26,000 in loans were promised from citizens of the community if needed to complete the Home. Thus, the \$161,000 home for the aged, merely a dream three years ago, has become a reality here.

The all electric building has been constructed with four wings extending from a central square, shaped like a plus mark. Six single and four double rooms will be in each wing, making room for 42 residents. Each room has a half bath. A main bath will be located in the center of the wings.

Beds, chairs and night tables in the rooms will be movable. Chest and closet space will be built into each room. Desk tops will be a part of the chests. In the fourth wing will be the kitchen, dining room

and living room and chapel. The office will be located between the central area and the fourth wing. Also, in the central area will be the infirmary.

Large electric water heaters will supply the kitchen and six gallon heaters will be located in each half bath so that hot water will be available immediately. It is believed this will be more economical since it will eliminate the excess use of water.

A telephone type intercommunication system will connect each room with the office area. The system will also bring church services from the four local churches.

The plan for the building is similar to a home at Arthur, Ill.

Two men from each church serve on the Board of Directors. From Trinity Lutheran, Richard Eicken, President, and Lester Smith; from Immanuel, Ernest Ihnen, Secretary-Treasurer, and Virgil Ehmen; from Holy Cross, Harry Flesner and Earl Haschemeyer; from the Methodist churches, Dwaine Marlow and Wayne Tenhaeff. Roy V. Winget is Chairman of the Building Committee, John L. Gronewold, Finance Chairman.

It is believed that the home will pay for itself in less than 10 years. It will provide full time or part time employment for 16 people and give the community an added annual payroll of \$35,000 to \$40,000.

F. M. KING SONS

F. M. King, of Augusta, established a dry goods and clothing store here in 1903. Located in the Improvement Company block, Mr. King's ability as a merchant was soon recognized by the local people, as evidenced by their patronage.

Harry M. King, son, soon assumed ownership of the store. Among the local people who were clerks in the store, were William Weyen, George W. Flesner, Marie Duis Ihnen, Mrs. Arch Knight.

E. P. THOMAS

The Golden Bed Springs Factory was organized in the late 1800's by E. P. Thomas. The factory also manufactured picket fence and ironing boards.

The factory was a large two-story building, located on the site of the Roy Winget residence. The building was later moved to the northwest corner of the park, now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Swope.



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PARKS



GOLDEN PARK—March 3, 1890, a petition was received from a large number (53) voters and taxpayers of the Village of Golden to purchase from W. J. Buss a tract of land at the west end of Wendell Street for a public park at a cost of \$200.

On March 10, 1890, the Village Board met and discussed again the deed for this park. The Board was in favor of omitting the words "For a Park" in the deed, as the Village would lose all claim to the land if that was positively expressed in case at any future time it should prove impossible to use it for a Park. Mr. Buss, the owner of the land, was present and objected, and advised he would not sell the land to the town for that price unless it was to be used for a park. On July 21, 1890 W. J. Buss and wife presented a warranty deed at the Village Board Meeting conveying the park land to the Village of Golden, plat describing the land to be 225 feet wide and 400 feet long, for \$200.

A band stand was erected in later years where

Saturday night band concerts were held regularly. This band stand was removed in 1930 and the park was ornamented with flowers.

At a Board Meeting on March 10, 1890, the name Wendell Street was changed to read Park Street as it terminated at the Park.

MEMORIAL PARK—On July 2, 1945, the American Legion met in a special session to discuss the purchase of a park for recreational purposes. The Legion accepted the deed and full ownership of the proposed park, debt free.

Memorial Park was a project of the community by construction and work, and was dedicated June, 1946. Loans were received from people in the community in 1947 for the erection of floodlights. These loans were all paid back within a 2-year period. The American Legion donated \$50. Memorial Park is used as a recreational park, among which is a ball diamond, twilight games are played during the summer.

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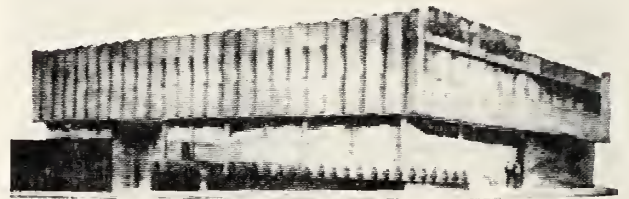
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On box car—Fred Peil, William Gronewold, other boy unknown. Back row: Jurgen Franzen, Anton Goldenstein, Menne Buhr, Jurgen Cassens, Henry Janssen, Menne Gronewold, Jurgen Rademacher, Eke Flesner, Christ Fredericks, Head Miller, name unknown. Front row: Anton Rosenboom, Dick Juilfs, John Emminga, William T. Gronewold, H. H. Emminga, Mr. Hicken, Chris Theilen, Henry Konken, Charlie Cross.

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King Block, from left—Franzen & Miller, Boger's, H. M. King Stores



Franzen Restaurant, Downings Store, Buss Hotel, and Exchange Bank Building, called the Buss Block. The first two buildings were destroyed by fire in 1926, the bank building in 1940.

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Front Street, 70 to 80 years ago. Left—White Residence, where the Osborne Store now stands; next—White Harness Shop. White Residence was moved to the location where Mrs. Ida Schone now lives. Later moved to west end of town, home of Mrs. Ora Reckers; right side—Hay shed top of Selby Elevator can be seen, and part of depot; next—small building, the Selby Office, east of the Q track Junction Restaurant and lunch counter. House in far center is now R. L. Leenerts residence.

PRESENT DAY VIEW OF FRONT STREET



William Johnson Ford in foreground, Alfred Herren Ford on left with Wayne Aden Ford on right. Numerous Centennial ladies and gentlemen decorate street.



The Old Creamery, north of Trinity Parsonage

THE BUSS HOTEL

The Buss Hotel which opened for business 1905, was noted all over the State as one of the best hostelries on the lines of the "Q" or Wabash. Its good name was largely due to the efforts of Andy Harberts and his estimable wife.

This large two-story building owned by W. J. Buss, was completely destroyed by fire Dec. 31, 1926. This included the following store buildings on the first floor: Ihnen Mercantile Co.; O. Black and E. R. Weerts, Druggists; Hotel Buss, total loss, \$55,000.

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LOCAL TELEPHONE COMPANIES

The first local telephone company organized in the community was the Shiloh Mutual Telephone Co. The line was from Huntsville to Golden in 1900. Cobus Franzen and Harm Franzen were local owners of shares in the company.

Action was started in October 1900 to get a line built south and east of Golden, but at first only six subscribers would sign. Another attempt was made in 1901 by John Meints and John Franzen. The third time their efforts were successful and the German Telephone Co. came into existence. Each subscriber was to furnish 23 white oak poles 20 to 24 feet long. Men were paid 12½ cents an hour for digging the holes for the poles.

This line was about 14 miles long and wound back and forth between Golden and Clayton. The Golden exchange was located in the Franzen & Miller Store. Miss Catherine Franzen (Mrs. George Cassens) was the first operator.



First Telephone Exchange located in Franzen and Miller Store—Henry Franzen at board.

GOLDEN'S OLDEST CITIZEN

Ekke Paben, Golden's oldest citizen passed away in 1963, at the age of 103. He was an early rural mail carrier and served on the village board during his long and eventful life.

GOLDEN FARMERS TELEPHONE COMPANY

The Golden Farmers Telephone Co. was granted a charter in 1909 with Scott Taylor, Phillip Cain and D. G. Buss as organizers.

The first board of directors were: Scott Taylor, chm., Andrew Bartell, John Beckman, E. C. Sharrow.

Shares were sold and a residence was purchased for an office and exchange. The office is still in the original location.

William Mayberry was appointed manager at 20 cents per hour. Experienced telephone men were paid 22½ cents per hour.

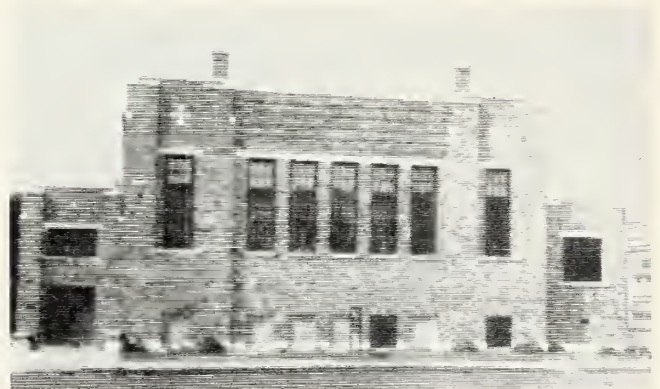
Mrs. Tena Cassens was selected as first operator.

N. W. Osborne was manager for many years during the growth of the company. Many improvements have been added over the years, including new switchboards and underground cables throughout the village.

The local exchange with Mr. and Mrs. William Eilts in charge and six other operators serve 510 patrons. There are 252 rural and 258 village telephones in the system.

Present directors are: J. L. Gronewold, pres., R. L. Eicken, vice pres., E. M. Ihnen, sec'y, George Nethery and George Bartell.

VILLAGE HALL



The present Village Hall was built in 1937, with W.P.A. labor. Material from the old Town Hall was used in the new building. The government paid \$10,000 toward the cost of the building, and the Village issued bonds for the amount of \$7,800.

Community-wide benefits and contributions made possible the fine Hall stage curtain, modern kitchen facilities, dining room, tables, dishes and silverware.

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GOLDEN'S NORTH ELEVATOR



L. U. Albers erected this second grain elevator of the village with a 12,000 bushel capacity soon after the town was incorporated March 5, 1867.

The firm of Albers, Lyle and Selby was organized, and it became very prominent as shippers of grain and stock, and in general merchandising. The elevator was purchased soon after by H. E. and Seneca Selby, known as the Selby Grain Company.

The Selby buildings which included feed and coal business, both elevators and South mill, known as the New Era Steam Mill, was purchased by William L.

Bruns in 1923. Mr. Bruns operated the mill with the feed and coal business, using the New Era Steam Mill building as grain storage.

Ehmen Brothers bought the North elevator mill, feed and coal business from Mr. Bruns, in 1952, which they operated in conjunction with their elevator at Chatton. In 1953 they purchased the large South elevator, and in 1958 the old steam mill building.

The North end operations were moved to the South end on Front Street in 1959. A new office building was erected and numerous improvements made.

PRAIRIE QUEEN CHAPTER OF O.E.S.

Prairie Queen Chapter No. 75 Order of the Eastern Star was instituted in 1884 in LaPrairie with Josie Buckley as Worthy Matron and L. E. Thomas as Worthy Patron. Other charter members were Loretia Strickler, Emma Leach, Laura Sutton, Lily Thomas, Mrs. Coons, J. S. Strickler, Charles Chambers, John D. Schwartz, Jackson Pierce, L. O. Sutton and Charles Coons.

In October 1894 a meeting was held in the Golden Improvement Hall, to reorganize. Laura Schwartz Huff was elected W.M. and John D. Schwartz, W.P.

Corena Chapter of Camp Point, initiated the following charter members: Col. and Mrs. William Hanna, Jennie Hughes, Alma Hughes (Laughlin), Mr. and Mrs. Arlington Taylor, Charles Chinn and A. N. Crawford.

Since the beginning of the chapter 253 have become members, however, many moved to other cities and states leaving only a few faithful members in the vicinity. Therefore, it became necessary for Prairie Queen to surrender its charter to Grand Chapter, January 1, 1963.

The following were 50 year members: Mr. and Mrs. George Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Van Noddall, Mrs. Alma Laughlin, Mrs. Ira Reynolds, Mrs. Edith Selby Nims, Mrs. Mabel T. Ross, Mrs. Elsie V. Crain, Miss Maude Detmer and Mrs. Ada V. Mason.

The officers of the last years were from Quincy, Mt. Sterling, Camden, Huntsville, LaPrairie and Golden. It was due to their faithful attendance the Chapter was able to function.

These officers were: Clara Matheny, Jesse Matheny, Lola Green, Roy McDonald, Imogene Daly, Marilyn Prunty, Ada Mason, Elsie Crain, Effie Mock, Chalmer Thompson, Verna Robbins, Carmen Craig, Eunice Thompson, Wyllodeane McDonald, Besse Francis, Gladys Hester, Ruth Loring and Jerrold S. Craig (deceased).

FIRE DESTROYS EXCHANGE BANK BUILDING

Fire destroyed Community Annex Cafe March 28, 1940. Cafe operated by Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Huseman. Building owned by Mr. and Mrs. Arch Knight. Second floor was apartments, and tenants only had time to grab a few clothes and rush out of the buildings.

The building was built by H. H. Emminga in 1905 at a reported cost of \$17,000 and housed the Exchange Bank until it closed. The bank building had many old German scenes inlaid in tile, on the walls of the first floor, imported from Germany at the time it was built.

GOLDEN WATER SYSTEM

A Water System was debated for many years by Golden villagers. During the tenure of office of H. M. King as mayor, in the 1930's, a system was discussed.

A plan to build a lake between Camp Point and Golden to supply both villages got no further than the vague planning stage.

A Village system was voted upon and carried in 1948, but due to a scarcity of needed materials, could not be constructed.

The second election, in 1951, was necessary, as the time limit on the first election had elapsed. The proposition carried, 152 to 72, in the second election.

The wells drilled were approved by the state and a bond issue of \$42,000 of revenue bonds were sold.

Work on the new system proceeded rapidly and was completed in the Spring of 1952.

The Golden water system has hydrants not over 400 feet from any home. All homes are entitled to use the water, if they so desire.

The water tower is 140 feet high and has a capacity of 75,000 gallons.

The new water system and well-equipped fire department have made a substantial reduction in insurance rates.

Most Golden homes now use the village system and the gallons used have increased. A new well has been drilled at the northeast corner of the Good Shepherd Home for the Aged. This new well is a good producer and should take care of any foreseeable consumption.

GOLDEN POST OFFICE

The first Post Office was established in Keokuk Junction (Golden) on June 12, 1863. The name of the town was changed to Golden on October 18, 1880.

Postmasters were appointed as follows:

Libby U. Albers	June 12, 1863
William O'Harra, Sr.	October 7, 1868
William Hanna	February 3, 1869
Frank Huff	November 23, 1885
Abel Peil	March 24, 1886
William Hanna	April 9, 1889
William F. Hughes	May 16, 1893
Seneca Selby	May 3, 1897
Robert E. Downing	October 30, 1913
Harlo F. Selby	April 13, 1922
Chrystal Beckett	January 13, 1935

The above information was secured from the National Archives and Record Service in Washington, D. C. by Postmaster Chrystal Beckett for the history book.

The following Post Offices were discontinued and mail is being received at Golden: Elm Grove, October 14, 1899; Chatton, December 14, 1903, Oscar Jacobs, Postmaster; Pine Grove, March 31, 1904, George W. Burke, Postmaster.



H. H. Emminga Mill Office and First Exchange Bank. John Eilts, on wagon. Left to right: Herman Rademacher, Anton Rosenboom, Ehme Bruns, Albert Janssen, William T. Gronewold, H. H. Emminga, John Emminga.



Buss Brothers — Left to right: John, W. J., Eilert and Henry Buss.

W. J. BUSS

Weert John Buss, son of John and Ikke Buss, was born in Clayton township, Dec. 13, 1855. He spent his boyhood days on his father's farm.

He came to Golden at the age of 19, becoming a clerk in the John Pappé Store. He was also employed by Albers and Ihnen for about two years.

He started in business for himself in the Fall of 1879, and with his partner, Ralph W. (Rolf) Buss, operated a hardware and grocery store.

W. J. Buss branched out into the lumber business in a short time. He built many fine business and residential buildings in Golden and up to the time of his last illness, was very active and successful in his business, known as the W. J. Buss and Son Lumber Co. This enterprise is still active, under the management of his son, Henry F. Buss, and brother-in-law, Edgar Baum.

H. F. Buss has the honor of being the oldest active business man in Golden.

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AMERICAN LEGION POST AND AUXILIARY

Organization of the Legion Post and Auxiliary took place on Tuesday evening, October 27, 1936, with the granting of temporary charters. The Service Man's organization will be known as the Charles LaRont Post No. 801 of the American Legion.

March 13, 1946, the American Legion changed the name of their Post from LaRont Post No. 801 to Golden Post No. 801.

First officers were: A. C. Strickler, Commander; Gerhard Gerdes, 1st Vice Commander; Ray Tice, 2nd Vice Commander; Edgar Baum, 3rd Vice Commander; Russell Beard, Adjutant; G. O. Mueller, Financial Officer; W. R. Croxton, Chaplain; S. R. Worman, Historian; W. C. Working, Judge Advocate, Service & Relief Officer; S. E. Tilton, Sergeant at Arms.

Other Charter members of the post were: John L. Marshall, Rankin Bowles, Frank Adams, John Goldenstein, Dr. A. A. Crank, and Brune Meints.

Auxiliary officers as follows: Mrs. Alice Strickler, President; Mrs. Tillie Gerdes, 1st Vice-President; Mrs. Jennie Worman, 2nd Vice-President; Mrs. Marie Beard, Treasurer; Mrs. Anna Worman, Secretary; Mrs. Katie Tilton, Chaplain; Mrs. Anna Tice, Historian; Mrs. Frieda Schroder, Sergeant at Arms.

Other members of the Charter Auxiliary were: Lydia Schroder, Lena Gerdes, Martha Lamb, Mary Elizabeth Johnson, Mary LaRonte, Grace Croxton, Emma Strickler, Lena Crank, Fern Working, and Mabel Ross.

Among the community projects which the American Legion has sponsored are the Boy Scouts; Memorial Park, dedicated in June of 1946, used as a recreational park, among which is a ball diamond—twilight games are played during the summer.

Co-sponsors of sending the Golden New Era to those serving in the Armed Forces, since World War II.



The Hanna Building, Anna Schoneman Tice, Millinery



The first church in Golden, the Immanuel Lutheran, built in 1869, on the site occupied by the present church.

ILLS, REAL AND IMAGINARY CURES

Doctors and dentists played important roles in the lives of early citizens. Old time medical men were not spoken of as "physicians," but more simply "doctors," or more than likely, just plain "Doc."

L. A. Martin, M.D. of Rhode Island, located here in 1869, and according to records, was the first physician. He followed his profession in the community for 25 years. Dr. Milton Patton of Ohio, came in the fall of 1870. Dr. T. R. Whray was a leading member of his profession in this area 33 years. He was a veteran of the Civil War. Others were: Doctors J. T. Cushenburg, J. C. Steiner, Hedrick, L. M. Linker, W. M. Landon, J. W. Blan, C. R. Hecox (36 years), A. C. Bagge (11 years).

Dr. J. F. Ross moved his office from LaPrairie to Golden, January 1928. His office occupied the corner rooms in the Meyer block until 1939. December 17, 1939, open house was held at the new Dr. Ross Clinic. In all Dr. Ross served the surrounding community 56 years. He passed away in Quincy in February of 1962. Since that time, Golden has been without a doctor.

Among the dentists: Doctors E. C. Pendleton, R. M. Blue, and Carl Lamb.

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Present day view of Smith Street looking west with group in Centennial dress.



Seneca and H. E. Selby Implement Store, later Franzen and Miller Store, first switch-board right corner of building, location of present Golden State Bank. Freeman Selby on tricycle. The young lady in door, the former Edna Selby. The store left, Granite Shop. About 70 years ago.

Railroad crossing signals installed Sept. 1957. Signals signify approaching trains by clanging bell and flashing red lights, located at Buss Lumber Yard crossing and south of Golden Elevator. Other crossings are closed in Golden Village.

Last regular passenger train service to Golden on CB&Q discontinued March, 1957.

Dec. 11, 1922—Anna Worman was authorized to buy a railroad ticket for 68c for hobos.

Nov. 16, 1899

By some oversight, the town board has failed to take the necessary steps in making a tax levy, and residents of Golden will be excused from paying any town tax next year. The money to pay town expenses will be borrowed and a double assessment made next year.

DO YOU KNOW—A law was passed in 1903 requiring automobiles to come to a full stop upon nearing any horse-drawn vehicle.

DRAINAGE

Directed here by fate to this land of promise, early pioneers saw this flat prairie, as a suitable place to settle. When the railroads were built, the condition of this particular spot was such as having no drainage whatsoever.

An early story often repeated, was that during the winter one could ice skate from the old Junction Lunch Room east of the depot, east to the Menne E. Aden farm.

The town is located on the natural divide between the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers, the water on the east side of the C.B.&Q. and Wabash tracks flowing east toward the Illinois River, while that on the west seeks the Mississippi.

By judicious drainage, deep open ditches leading east and west from the railroad, the surrounding country was soon in good sanitary condition with rich fertile farm land producing large crops of corn, wheat, oats, buckwheat, barley and hay.

The swamps were changed into fields of golden corn, which, in course of time, gave way to fine residences and business blocks; the cow paths to fine streets, and the footpaths to board walks. The sound of the frog was changed to the scream of the locomotive and the whistle of the mills.

In 1933, the Village of Golden constructed a new drainage system, running through the center of town, from east to west. Due to employing all home town labor, under C.W.A., the cost ordinarily \$3,000, was reduced to one-half. There are also a maze of privately owned drainage tiles criss-crossing the village.

ROADS AND STREETS

Time has wrought many changes in streets and road conditions of the Golden section of the state.

Owing to the flat marshy conditions prevailing here roads in rainy weather were well nigh impassable for wagons or buggies. Horseback was the best means of travel when such trips were necessary.

With the advent of the horseless carriage or automobile in the early 1900's, the people of the community became more road conscious. Grading and frequent dragging helped some. Later some streets and roads were oiled, which was a decided improvement but did not stand up for long.

Automobiles became more common from 1910. Some of the early cars were all the go then, but most are forgotten now. Early dealers and the cars they sold were:

1913 E. R. Mock, Empire
Cassen Bros., Buick and Detroit
E. W. Fuhr, Marmion, Maxwell and Moline
1914 Beer Bros., Empire and Case
C. H. Detmers, Ford
Taylor & Beckett, Overland

Also such cars as Henderson, Cadillac, Reo, Carter Car, Elmore, K-R-I-T, Hudson and R.C.H.

Louis W. Flesner, Chevrolet dealer, was the last authorized dealer to sell out in 1931.

The clamor for good roads was realized in 1928 when the concrete slab connected Golden with a statewide network of paved roads.

Gravel roads and streets said to be impractical a few years earlier were widely used by the 1930's. The village streets now are practically all black topped as are a number of the surrounding country roads.



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LIGHTING

Candles and fireplaces furnished light for the pioneer families of this community. The kerosene, or more commonly called coal oil lamp, was a vast improvement in illuminating homes and public places.

On May 2, 1887, complaints were made that the sidewalk to the Post Office was very inconvenient at night on account of the railroad crossing. It was decided to place a street lamp in front of the Post Office provided the postmaster would attend to lighting it. Five additional lamps were ordered. On Nov. 7, 1887 the postmaster failed to take care of the street light and was, therefore, relieved of his duty. George Detmers and Franzen were appointed to take care of it with their other duties of lighting lamps. Lamps were to be lighted except on moonlight nights.

In 1889 the Street Lighting Committee made a contract with Ekke Flesner to take care of lighting street lamps for 45c a day.

The early 1900's saw many individual gas and electric generating systems installed in buildings. The new systems did much to furnish adequate light for most purposes, but were not an unmixed blessing as they required considerable work and expense to keep the plants functioning.

The Village of Golden clamored for a full time electric system in the early turn of the century. A franchise was signed in 1913 with a utility company but after years of waiting the franchise was voided.

The CIPS Co. was awarded a franchise sometime later and in 1916 the long awaited electric system gave Golden the lighting system they sought. Golden was the second town to receive electric lights in Adams County, Quincy having previously secured electric lights.

The nine ornamental lamp posts were installed in the business district in 1930.

The newest light improvement in the Village are nine new mercury lights on high poles, extended by an arc, that light the business district many times brighter than the old lamps.

GOLDEN BOOSTER CLUB

The Golden Booster Club was organized Sept. 27, 1934, first meeting held in the Golden Methodist Church. The Ladies of the Kings Daughters served the supper, after which Edward R. Weerts, serving as temporary chairman, called the meeting to order to discuss the proposed club. At the close of an address by Rev. Bertie Taylor, the following officers were elected: Adolph Eicken, Chairman; Ben B. Decker, Vice Chairman; W. C. Working, Secretary and Treasurer. An Advisory Committee was also selected to assist the officers, Jurgen Harberts, chm., L. E. Thomas, Edward Weerts, Ivin Black and John Cassens.

LOCAL FIRE FIGHTING

Golden suffered many losses by fire over the years and in 1890 the village board purchased a fire engine for \$477. The apparatus was a cart containing a pump and a reel of hose. When the alarm sounded, volunteers would grab the fire engine and run to the fire. Water was pumped from a well near the scene of the fire by some of the volunteers while others held the hose spraying its small stream of water on the flames.

This apparatus did not last long and the community went back to the old bucket brigade for many years.

The establishment of the Golden Fire Protection District was discussed in meetings of the Golden Lions Club, then in public meetings. The community seemed favorable to the project so a special election was held to form a district. This carried by a good margin.

The present district is comprised of much of the surrounding townships, as Golden is located at the junction of North East, Houston, Clayton and Camp Point townships.

The first board of trustees was legally appointed by the County Judge on July 6, 1944. This board was comprised of H. B. Ihnen, Pres., Raymond Veach, Secy. and Simon Flesner.

The first firemen were: Russell Beard, chief, E. K. Downing, 1st asst., Orville Bruns, 2nd asst., Henry Schuster, engineer, Mervin Patton and E. A. Heinicke, asst. engineers, Cecil Noftz, Chris Aden, Arthur Aden and Fred Henrichs, Sec'y.

Present trustees are Wilbur Flesner, Pres., Melvin Anderson, Sec'y, Rudolph Miller.

E. K. Downing served as chief for a number of years and during his leadership the department was given a higher rating. Alfred Herren, present chief, was appointed in 1961.

The Golden Fire District is one of the best equipped in this section of the state. It has three pumper trucks, one tank truck, oxygen tank and other necessary equipment to bring it to a Class A rating in the rural district and Class 8 in the village. This rating has materially reduced insurance premiums.

QUOTED FROM VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES May 16, 1904

Permitting business men to build hitching racks eight feet from the concrete walk in front of their own business places, posts to be eight feet apart and connected with 2-inch gas pipe; 3 feet, 10 inches from the ground. Posts to be 3½ feet in the ground, and not less than eight inches in diameter at butt. Last hitching rack was removed at King's Store in 1930.

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COL. WILLIAM HANNA

Col. Hanna was appointed as one of the trustees of a State Normal School in June of 1899. The appropriation for this institution was made by the legislature, with the understanding that it must be built in the western part of the state.

Col. Hanna and four other trustees selected the site for the school at Macomb. A gentleman living in Macomb, gave \$2,000 and forty acres of land.

The office of trustee came to Col. Hanna entirely unsolicited. His appointment received wide approval. This action was the forerunner of Western Illinois University.

The King Store building (R. G. Fruehling Store) was completely destroyed by fire December 11, 1949.

Oct. 13, 1905

Contractor William T. Gronewold replaced one of the arms on Mr. Emminga's windmill this week. It measured 70 feet in length and has been in use 20 years. Mr. Gronewold built the first Golden Methodist Church, the first Trinity Lutheran Church and many other buildings and homes in the town.

April 6, 1939

STREET LIGHTS TURNED OFF—Village has been without lights since April 1, due to lack of funds in the Village treasury. Comments on the lack of lights have been many.

1875—C. Hennick, the popular agent of both railroads and express companies in Keokuk Junction reports the following business from the station the past year: Grain 237 cars; livestock, 100 cars; freights on imports, \$9,500; ticket sales, \$16,000; pressed hay, 27 cars.

May 25, 1899

Railroads are getting to haul big loads. Mr. Emminga shipped 250 barrels of flour for Amsterdam, Holland, in one car, also loaded four cars of oats containing 1600 bushels in each. He also shipped a carload of clover seed this week.

June 21, 1917

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PEOPLE'S EXCHANGE BANK

This Village having no bank, Mr. H. H. Emminga decided to enter into this business, and opened the Peoples Exchange Bank on July 1, 1894. At first, business was conducted in the same room with his milling and grain interests, in the south part of town.

This brick building (still standing), which was erected for office purposes in 1891, was fitted up with vault and a strong safe for his own use. This answered all needs for some years. Unfortunately, it was located too far from the business center of the growing little city, and the bank required better quarters.

Mr. Emminga then erected a new bank in 1905. The 12,000-lb. safe from the former location was moved to the new up-town bank. John J. Emminga, the son of the founder, was the president.

One of the most exciting events in the life of the Exchange Bank was the daring bank robbery in August of 1928. On Monday morning at 8:10, two men held up Albert Janssen, the acting cashier of the bank, at the point of a gun and compelled him to hand over \$4,000. They then sped to the east in a motor car. It was later learned that the car had been stolen in Prairie City the night before.

It was obvious that the job had been planned by an advance man who knew the cashier's habits. It later developed that John Barnhill, a Golden resident, had planned the job. This robbery was the basis of a story in "True Detective" magazine of March 1939.

This bank closed on November 10, 1930.

Later, the building was purchased by Arch Knight. It was used as a restaurant, with apartments above. The building was completely destroyed by fire.

BIG HUNT ENJOYABLE SPORT

Early settlers had organized sports in season, one of which was a circle-drive, or race-hunt.

For this purpose, the settlers selected the highest spot in the area, which happened to be in the prairie, near the first custom windmill, 2 miles east of Golden.

On this high spot, the pioneers then erected a very long pole, and this was declared the center of the afore-said circle. On a day when the drive was agreed upon, every person who wished to take part, was to start a certain number of miles from the center and scare up the wild animals, driving them toward the pole. They were to reach the center at a certain hour that day. This was where the main excitement took place. Many and all kinds of wild animals were usually found to be in the ring, of which deer was the principal. When the deer found that they were surrounded, they started to run in a circle, round and round, just as though on a race track.

The hunters would pick off what they could, at the same time trying to hold the balance of the animals in the ring as long as possible. When one of the deer succeeded in breaking through, there was no holding the others.

The animals killed were divided among the hunters to take home. Many good meals were secured for the family in this way, besides furnishing great sport.

The settling of the prairie, however, broke up this sport for good, although deer were plentiful for a good many years.

R. G. Taute, present Station Agent, 45 years service. C. F. Gibbs, Mr. Hendricks, Glen Chambers, W. A. Brown, Everett McCreight, former operators.

GOLDEN STATE BANK

The Golden State Bank was organized May 16, 1910 with a capital of \$25,000.

The first stockholders were: F. M. King, R. C. Jones, D. W. Whitford, C. A. Downing, W. S. Stabler, W. E. Turner, H. G. Reynolds, William Weyen, F. Tenhaeff, E. E. Weerts, Libby Bruns, M. E. Aden, William Schuster, George Pierce and Oscar Hecox.

The first directors were: F. M. King, pres., D. W. Whitford, vice pres., W. S. Stabler, W. E. Turner, H. G. Reynolds, William Weyen and R. C. Jones, cashier.

The southeast corner of the F. M. King store was leased for a bank. A vault was constructed and the bank opened for business October 14, 1910 with a capital and surplus of \$28,000. Assets at the end of the first year were \$63,000.

The bank was moved into the former Franzen & Miller building (its present location) in 1921.

H. M. King served as president of the bank for many years following the retirement of his father. The bank has continued to prosper and today the assets are \$1,650,000.

Present directors are: G. W. Nethery, pres., J. H. Janssen, vice pres., Hobart Whitford, Roscoe Bennett, E. M. Ihnen, cashier.

ARMORY HALL

On November 1, 1875, the town appropriated \$100 for 100 shares of stock in the company organized to build an Arsenal for the use of Keokuk Junction Guards. This building, located on the corner just east of the Mrs. Tillie Gerdes home, was called Armory Hall. The Town Board had the privilege of holding its meetings in the building.

The Guards was a military company organized in 1874 for drill under the guidance of Col. William Hanna, with H. E. Selby as Captain of the company. During the short period of the life of this company, its record was good. It won second prize once and first prize three times at the annual fairs. It also won a first-class record in the expedition to East St. Louis, during the strikes of 1877.

Jan. 5, 1906

Rural route No. 2 started from Golden on Tuesday morning, William F. Carlin carrying the mail. Will has fitted himself up with a brand new wagon and harness and makes a nice showing.

The Houston Telephone Co. was started in 1900. The company started with 60 subscribers.

GOLDEN NEWSPAPERS

The first newspaper published in Golden was the Golden Advance. The first issue of this newspaper was January 7, 1889. The Advance was short lived lasting only about one year.

The first issue of the Golden New Era was published Oct. 15, 1891 with Frank Hillyer as editor. The New Era and Advance were both made possible in the beginning by the assistance of H. H. Emminga and other interested business men.

The New Era has brought local news and business announcements to this community for the past 72 years.

The New Era was converted from a hand set weekly to a machine cast in 1925.

Editors and their period are as follows:

Frank Hillyer 1891 to 1892

C. W. Stinson and E. T. Selby 1892 to 1893

Elmer Selby 1893

C. W. Stinson 1893 to 1899

Frank Groves 1899 to 1904

John P. Beckman 1904 to 1911

Will J. Wible 1911 to 1923

Harry Wible 1923 to 1925

Donald Wible 1925 to 1928

Frank Groves 1928 to 1939

Ben B. Decker 1939

The present editor has the record of the longest term in office.

PRODUCE STATION

George A. Laughlin, in business here for many years, was the first man in the Village to engage in produce. The first coop of chickens was bought from Edwin Willard.

Mr. Laughlin was assisted by Wilke Duis, who traveled through the country, buying poultry. Wallie Weyen, also Arch Knight, later assisted. At a still later date, Arch Knight shared a part of the building, having his Pontiac Garage there.





A familiar scene at harvest time in the early 1900s.

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Men—George W. Flesner, Simon W. Flesner, Eilert Weerts, Eddie Flesner, Carl Totsch, John W. Flesner. Ladies in buggy, front—Mrs. Eilert Weerts, Ida Weyen, Mrs. Eddie Flesner; back—Mrs. Carl Totsch, Mrs. John W. Flesner.

OLDEST RESTAURANT STILL OPERATING



Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Cox, Ethyl and Ira, located in Golden from Stillwell, Ill.

Mr. Cox followed the contractor trade, in partnership with John Tholen, for a number of years.

The Cox family purchased the A. C. Strickler and Floyd Maxwell Restaurant, in 1918. They had received ownership from Henry and Arch Knight. John Beckett was also the proprietor of a restaurant in this building, about 1906.

The actual age of this place of business, is uncertain.

Mr. Louis Weisgaber, is said to have operated the restaurant, with bakery, for over 25 years, in the 1800's.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox and Ethyl retired in 1947, selling to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hippen. Mr. and Mrs. Claus F. Beinhoff managed the restaurant for a while. The present owners are Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Surratt.

This picture of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Knight and daughter, Freda, was taken in 1910.

GOLDEN LIONS CLUB

The first business meeting of the Golden Lions Club was held in July of 1940. The club was made up of the local business and professional men of the community. Charter members were: Kenneth D. Wilson, president; Raymond Veach, 1st vice president; Ben B. Decker, secretary; George Nethery, treasurer; C. M. Aden, Dr. A. C. Bagge, John Aden, Howard W. Bennett, William L. Bruns, Henry F. Buss, Roy E. Buskirk, Orin Cookson, Fred DeHaven, Emery K. Downing, Elmer Hanke, Irvin Heinecke, H. B. Ihnen, Harry M. King, Dr. Carl Lamb, Dick E. Law, W. E. Schoonover, Frank E. Swope, Edward R. Weerts, Dr. J. F. Ross, Cecil Noftz, William Weyen.

Among the projects sponsored by the Lions Club, Golden Fire Department, organized in 1945 and the Park Shelter House, dedicated June 2, 1957. Also many other worth while projects.

Every male inhabitant above the age of 20 and under 50 years of age, excepting paupers, idiots, lunatics and such others as are exempt by law, shall be assessed to work on the streets two nor more than three days in each and every year, or he may pay \$1.50 a day to the village of Keokuk Junction.

GOLDEN LOCKER

Harry M. King and Arch Knight started the first locker and processing plant in Golden in 1942. Mr. Knight served as manager. The plant had 300 individual lockers besides a quick freeze and cooling room. The plant was located in the grocery and meat market room of the King Block, the present location. Mr. King died in the fall of 1943 so it was necessary to dispose of his interests.

A group of men met for the purpose of organizing a Locker Cooperative, stock was sold to many local people and funds were secured to purchase the building and equipment.

The first Board of Directors of the Coop. was composed of M. Ray Ihrig, Chairman, John Krueger, H. B. Ihnen, Dr. J. F. Ross, Hobart Whitford, Orin Black, Elmer Paxton, Sec'y-Treas. Arch Knight served as manager for five years—Thomas Smyth was manager for two years—Harold (Jim) Sawins was appointed manager in 1949, which position he still holds. Additional stock was sold and a locker plant was installed at Camp Point in 1944. The Clayton Locker Plant was added to the Coop. in 1946. A new slaughter house was built south of Golden in 1945.

Present directors are: Ehme Aden, Lawrence Leenerts, Alfred Albers, Howard Bennett, W. E. Nelson, Russell Seible, Glen Sickles.

To err, is human

To forgive, divine

The members of the history committee are quite human, and we hope that you, our readers, will be forgiving of our errors.

We have made an honest effort to present some of the highlights of the last one hundred years; and we hope you will enjoy reading this book as much as we have enjoyed preparing it.

*Be they good or bad
Happy or sad,
The years that are past
Have gone much too fast.*

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